

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1           A temperature-retaining food container includes an outer shell having an inner  
chamber that can be filled with a temperature storing medium. The shell is shaped to  
provide an expansion zone within the chamber to permit expansion of the medium. A  
5       support is formed to provide additional volume to the chamber and the expansion zone.  
The support structure can optionally be provided to automatically expand in response to  
an increase in pressure within the chamber. A lid is provided which covers the  
container and further operates as a serving platter. The shell of the container can  
10       optionally be formed from a plurality of separate portions, which interlock to form the  
complete serving container and disassemble for storage or use with smaller or crowded  
appliances.